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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING USE/REGULATION OF
PESTICIDES

1. EMBASSY OFFICER WAS RECENTLY GIVEN A REQUEST ON BEHALF OF GOI OFFICIALS FOR INFORMATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF REGULATORY AGENCIES FOR THE USE AND CONTROL OF PESTICIDES. SO THAT WE MAY RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, AND FUNCTIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA). HOW DO THE AGENCIES IMPLEMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN AGRICULTURE SUCH AS THEIR REGISTRATION, TOLERANCE LEVELS, TOXICITY, VOLUME, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, AND SO FORTH?

2. A SECOND QUESTION RELATES TO HOW THE VARIOUS STATE EXPERIMENT STATIONS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES WITH RESPECT TO WHAT PESTICIDES TO USE FOR PARTICULAR PLANT PESTS AND THE RECOMMENDED DOSAGE.

3. INDIAN OFFICIALS DO NOT VISUALIZE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DECENTRALIZED SYSTEM INVOLVING STATE AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF INFORMATION BUT THEY FEEL THAT THEY WOULD PROFIT BY DRAWING UPON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE U.S. TO ESTABLISH A CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD TO SERVE AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION AS TO WHICH PESTICIDES
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ARE USEFUL TO AGRICULTURE AND WHICH SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. NO SUCH

ORGANIZATION NOW EXISTS AND THERE ARE NO PRIVATE SOURCES OR
AGENCIES FROM WHICH INFORMATION CAN BE DERIVED.

4. AN EXPEDITIOUS RESPONSE WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.
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